Representation for Implementation of sixth Bipartite Settlement

2655. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation from the Gujarat State Gramin Bank Employees' Federation for implementation of the sixth Bipartite Settlement is pending with Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the National Industrial Tribunal Award 1990 and have implemented the same in all the commercial banks in February, 1995;

(c) is so, when Government propose to implement the sixth Bipartite Settlement in the Gramin Banks in Gujarat; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A representation from the Gujarat State Gramin Bank Employees Federation has been received by Government.

(b) to (d) Pursuant to the award of the National Industrial Tribunal (NIT), 1990, Government had issued orders determining the salary and allowances of employees of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in 1991.

As regards, the extension of Sixth Bipartite Agreement between employees/ officers of commercial banks and Indian Banks Association to the employees of RRBs, the matter was taken by some of the RRB employees to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, however, did not grant any relief and instead observed that they may seek reliefs available to them under the Industrial Disputes Act. Reserve Bank of India have recently appointed a three member committee to examine and suggest the changes in the salary and allowances of the employees of RRBs, which may be considered desirable and feasible.

Cases Referred to Debt Recovery Tribunals By Public Sector Bank

2656. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases that have been referred to Debt Recovery Tribunals by the Public Sector Banks, Bank-wise;

(b) the amount recovered and the number of cases in which the Tribunals have initiated recovery actions, Bank-wise; and

(c) the cases which are to be referred to Debt Recovery Tribunals by the Banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Meeting of Finance Ministers of G-24 Developing Countries

2657. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of Finance Ministers of G-24 developing countries was held in Washington towards the end of September, 1996;

(b) whether the Ministers meet cautioned about application of conditionalities in the governance area; if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what other decisions were taken with a view to augmenting the mutual economy among themselves within the governance area and augmenting world-trade in terms of WTO in general?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. The Ministers of the Intergovernmental Group of Twenty Four on International Monetary Affair stressed